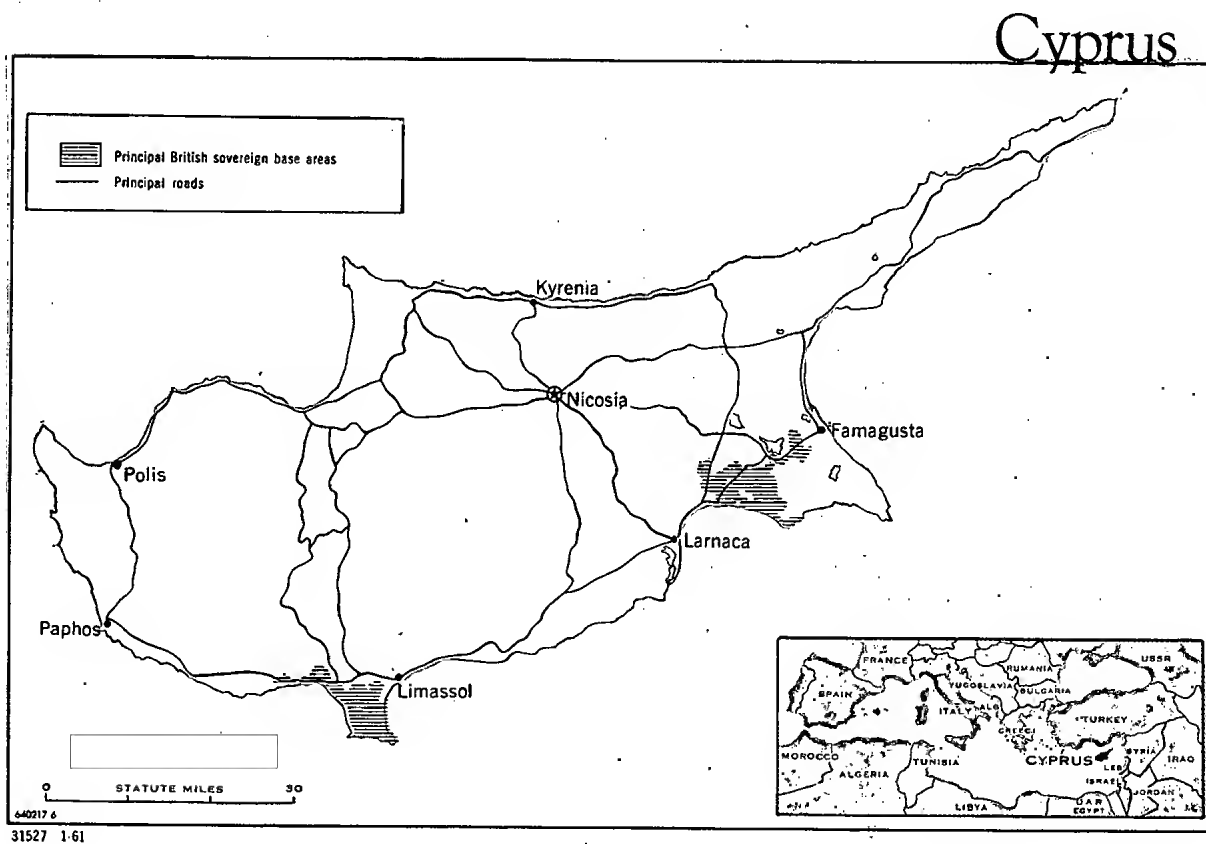


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. Although U Thant's proposals for easing the Cypriot crisis appear acceptable to Greece and Britain, Turkey may oppose them.

b. There is also no assurance that the Greek Cypriots will buy the Secretary General's plan.

c. Makarios has repeatedly insisted that the Security Council must pass a resolution condemning aggression against his country and reaffirming Cyprus' territorial integrity before he will discuss the question of an international peace-keeping force.

d. Newest trouble spot on the island is the town of Polis in the extreme west. British troops had been shifted from Polis to Limassol during the height of fighting in the latter city last week.

e. Although press reports indicate that another 300 troops are being sent from Britain to augment the present 5,000-man force, British forces are still insufficient to police the entire island.

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f. Nicosia is quiet at the moment.

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g. Turkish correspondents in Cyprus continue to send home inflammatory reports. A 17 February dispatch to an Istanbul newspaper reported that a Greek militia force of 700 men had disembarked at Limassol, even though the British truce force commander had already denied this story.

h. The press report also warned of an "imminent mass offensive" by the Greek Cypriot irregulars against Turks on the island.

2. Bulgaria-USSR-Cyprus

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3. USSR - Canadian Wheat

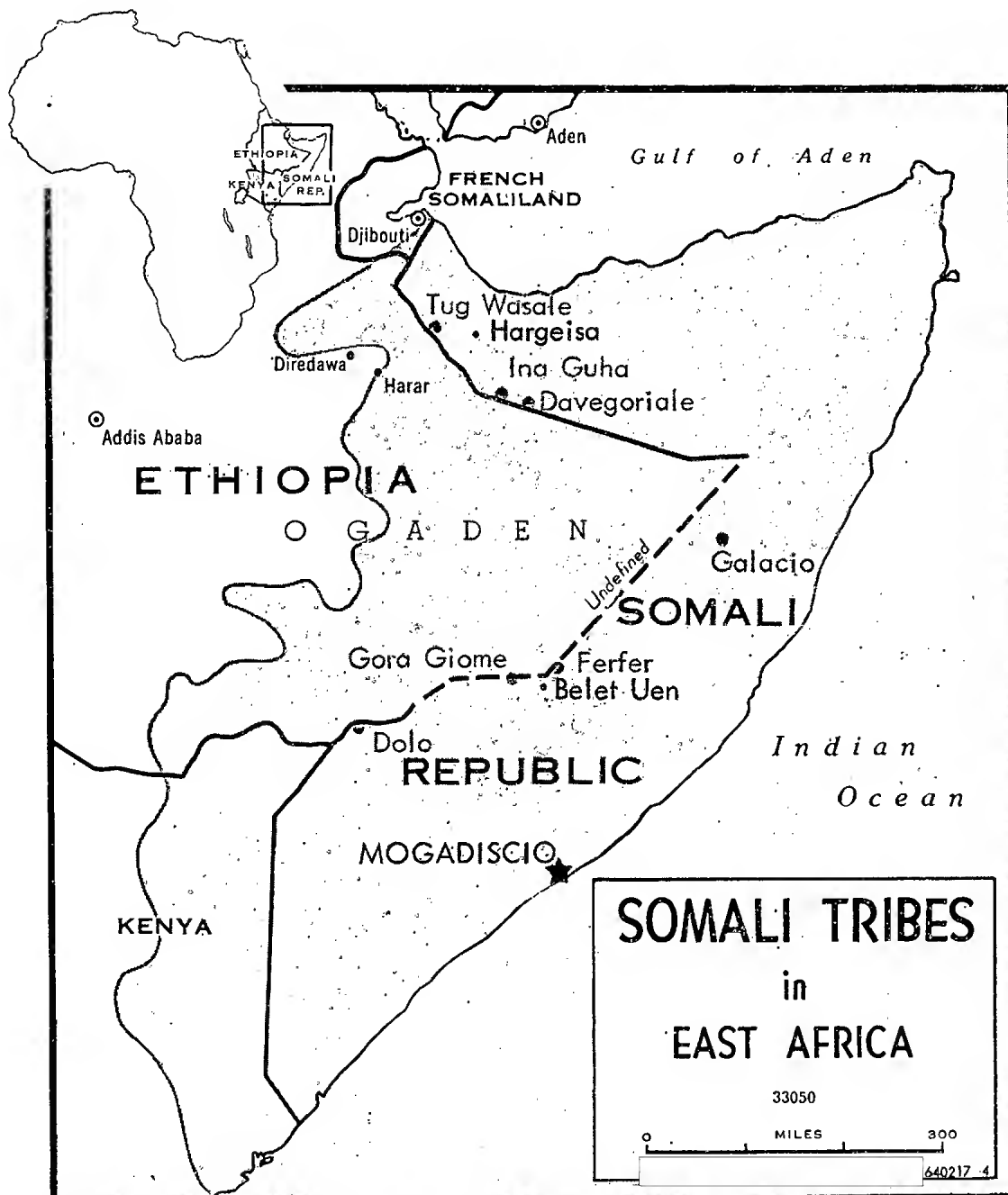
a. The head of the Canadian wheat board is now in Moscow, probably for preliminary talks about future Soviet wheat purchases.

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c. It is quite likely that the Canadians are being sounded out on more wheat deliveries later in 1964. (The Soviets have bought all the wheat that Canada feels it is able to ship until July 1964--6.8 million tons.)

d. Weather has been poor in some of the Soviet winter wheat areas, and this spring's crop may be no better than last year's. Though Khrushchev is sounding optimistic, it is too early to tell about the later and more important summer crop.

e. Thus, it is only prudent for Moscow to make at least contingency arrangements.



• Areas of reported fighting or bombing attacks, 8 - 16 February 1964

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4. Somalia-
Ethiopia

a. Incidents are still occurring along the border, and each side has charged the other with new aggression.

b. It may be that everyone does not yet have the cease-fire word issued by both governments on Sunday. It is also quite possible that the troops out on the firing line are not too responsive.

c. There is, for example, no reason to believe that the Somali tribesmen within Ethiopia have been or can be restrained.

d. Embassy Mogadiscio reports that unrest, partly directed against foreigners, is growing in the city. Mogadiscio had been calm during last week's fighting.

5. North Vietnam -
USSR

a. Hanoi appears less than satisfied with the results of the 31 January-10 February visit of its representatives to Moscow.

b. In an editorial on Saturday, Hanoi welcomed the renewed pledge of Soviet support mentioned in the communique following the visit, but declared the pledge must be translated into "practical deeds" to form a "valuable contribution" to the war.

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c. We do not know what "practical deeds" Hanoi may have requested; Moscow could have been asked to adopt a more threatening and active posture to assist in deterring any US action against North Vietnam.

6. Communist
China - Japan

a. Chinese Communist spokesmen continue to talk up trade possibilities with the Japanese.

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NOTES

- A. UK The latest Gallup poll shows Labor maintaining a lead of 10.5 percentage points over the Conservatives. According to Gallup, the number of people expecting Labor to win at the next general election has risen in the last month from 45 to 57 percent of the electorate.
- B. South Vietnam Yesterday's grenade incident, in which a US Army officer was slightly wounded, marks the fourteenth attack against Americans since the end of January and the fifth in a week. Viet Cong terrorist bombing seems to be shifting from a pattern of scattered attacks throughout Saigon to one of zeroing in on the American community.

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- D. Eastern Europe The Ford Foundation has established an exchange program with Hungary for the first time. A Foundation team is soon to go to Budapest in the hope of selecting 25-30 Hungarians. Polish authorities, whose resistance over selection procedures forced suspension of the program for the past two years, have also finally come around; about 60 Poles will come to the US this year.

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E. Ecuador

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rumors of an impending shakeup in the ruling junta.
If and when it comes, it could touch off a violent
inter-service struggle for power. [redacted]
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G. Gabon A military coup took place last night in
Libreville. Radio Libreville claims President Mba
has been arrested. The coup seems to have been led
by an Army lieutenant. Mba has been considered pro-
West and especially pro-French.